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In re Application of: SICOLA, et al.
Application No. 10/817,617
Filed: April 2, 2004
For: MANAGED RELIABILITY STORAGE
SYSTEM AND METHOD

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)
UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII)

This is a response to the renewed petition filed 30 November 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special.

The renewed petition was filed in response to a dismissal of the original petition filed 22 August 2005. The petition was dismissed for failure to provide a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Applicants' submission filed 30 November 2005 corrects the deficiencies noted in the original decision. Although the discussion recites essentially all of the limitations of claims 42, 55, and 69, it is nevertheless sufficient since each independent claim contains relatively few limitations. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for accelerated examination according to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section VIII.

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